

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	Application No. 10/032,433	Applicant(s) PETERSON, TAMMY LEILANI <i>TL</i>
	Examiner Laura C Cole	Art Unit 1744

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to 24 May 2004.
2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3.  The drawings filed on 31 December 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a)  All
  - b)  Some\*
  - c)  None
 of the:
  1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

#### Attachment(s)

1.  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2.  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3.  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4.  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5.  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6.  Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date 06282004.
7.  Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8.  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Tammy L. Peterson on 28 June 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Specification: Every instance of the term "ringer" (reference number 22), the word -- ringer -- should be deleted and in its place insert -- wringer --

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 21-24.

Claim 1, Line 2 after "system for comprising:" delete -- a) an elongate...ringing of the toilet brush. -- and in its place insert -- a) an elongate body having a cross-sectional shape and size which is capable of containing a liquid; b) said body being formed of a hard and durable material; c) said body having three separate compartments arranged vertically, the first compartment having a first level located at a top-most position, a second compartment having a second level in a vertically central position, and a third compartment is in a lower most position; d) a plugging member extending inside the body and the first and second compartments for sealing of liquid in the body; and e) a wringer inside the body of the cleaning system for wringing a toilet brush. --

Claim 13 Line 2, delete -- ringer -- and in its place insert -- wringer --

Claim 14 Line 1, delete -- ringer -- and in its place insert -- wringer --

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

On 28 June 2004, Tammy Peterson confirmed a change of address to be:

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and this change has been made on the record.

USPN 5,945,076 to Leonard et al. disclose a combined brush and storage container/disinfecting system that comprises three compartments and levels, and an elongate body formed of a hard and durable material. Leonard et al. does not include a plugging member extending inside the body nor does Leonard et al. disclose a wringer.

USPN 6,035,456 to Taylor discloses a device that has three compartments and levels and an elongate body formed of a hard and durable material. Taylor does not include a plugging member extending inside the body nor does Taylor disclose a wringer.

USPN 5,259,406 to Hofmann is an apparatus for cleaning a toilet brush that has three compartments or levels, including the portion indicated (2) that is capable of "containing" a liquid, the body being formed of a hard and durable material. Hofmann does not include a plugging member extending inside the body nor a wringer.

USPN 1,283,403 to Eustis is an apparatus that comprises an elongate body having two compartments and levels and includes a wringer device. Eustis does not include a plugging member extending inside the body.

USPN 2,965,111 to Feigelman includes a body being formed of a hard and durable material, including at least three sections, and a plug (108). The plugging member however, does not extend inside the body and the first and second compartment. Further, Feigelman does not include a wringer.

USPN 1,285,948 to Cook, USPN 4,734,952 to Parchment et al., and USPN 6,050,401 to Michaelson disclose structures that are similar in that they may have compartments or plugging members. However none of the prior art made of record includes a device comprising: an elongate body that is capable of containing liquid, a body formed of a hard or durable material, a body that has three separate compartments arranged vertically, a first compartment having a first level located at a top most position, a second compartment having a second level in a vertically central position, a third compartment in a lower most position, a plugging member extending inside the body and the first and second compartment, and a wringer inside the body of the system.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Laura C Cole whose telephone number is (571) 272-1272. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 7:30am - 5pm, alternating Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert J Warden can be reached on (571) 272-1281. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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